(b) the names of cities in the country which have been linked with their services?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) 35 foreign airlines are operating services to India at present.

(b) The cities covered are Amritsar, Bombay, Calcutta, Delhi Madras Trichy and Trivandrum.

Flights on Madras-Bangalore-Calicut Sector

1366. SHRI S. AUSTIN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleaserd to state:

(a) whethed the Indian Airlines has stopped its daily flights operating in Madras-Bangalore-Calicut Sector;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether there is any proposal to restore the daily flights in this sector; and

(d) if so, by when it is likely to be done?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The thrice weekly service on Madras-Bangalore-Calicut sector was withdrawn by Indian Airlines due to inadequate traffic.

(c) No Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Issuing of Complimentary Air Tickets

1367. SHRI JAGIR SINGH DARD: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any provision for issuing complimentary Air tickets;

(b) if so, the criteria laid down for issuing such tickets and the name of the issuing authority; and

(c) the number of such tickets issued every month?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) Senior officials of Air India and Indian Airlines art authorised to issue complimentary tickets as a part of market promotion strategy.

(c) On an average Indian Airlines issues 60 tickets and Air India issues 20 tickets per month. In addition, 850 passages on Air India services and 675 passsages on Indian Airlines are placed at the disposal of the Department of Tourism annually for promotion of tourism.

Counter Trade Provisions in purchase of aircrafts

1368. SHRI SUKOMAL SEN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian Airlines have agreed to have adequate counter trade provisions in their contracts for future purchase of aircrafts;

(b) whether such provisions are being included in the IA's Airbus purchase deal as desired by the State Trading Corporation in the letter to the Civil Aviation Ministry; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The agreement for purchase of A-320 aircraft did not envisage any counter trade obligation. Therefore, there was no possibility of counter-trade throughout STC as required by them vide their letter of 3rd June, 1993.

Limited fleet of Vayudoot aircrafts

1369 SHRI J P JAVALI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Vayudoot in its fleet has very limited number of aircrafts and are very old;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whtther Gnvernment propose to replace the old aircrafts and if so, the details thereof; and